



From the Captain – Brian Wasley

Exciting Times!

At this time of year it is appropriate to reflect on the year gone and to look at what lies ahead. Green Acres has had another successful year with an excellent financial result as well as the commencement of our new Clubhouse project. This project naturally brings with it many inconveniences but we have tried to minimize this disruption with our temporary facility. Continued member understanding and support is genuinely appreciated and we look forward to our new premises in 2012. Green Acres also enjoyed success on the course with the highlights being our first Boroondara Cup Winner in Matt Dowling and a fantastic result in Men's Pennant bringing home the flag!

The year ahead will bring many challenges but will no doubt be an exciting time at Green Acres. The Board continues to evaluate the wider environment that private golf clubs live in today together with our specific issues to ensure our club is well placed for the challenges we face. Being involved with many of these discussions it is clearly evident that we have a committed and talented team at Green Acres across all aspects of our operation.

On behalf of the Board we wish all Green Acres members an enjoyable and safe Christmas period. May 2012 bring you both personal and golfing success and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Reminder to all members and their guests

The safety netting (and poles associated with it), adjacent to the 10th tee is an immovable obstruction and as such does not provide line of sight relief. Relief is only available if the netting interferes with a player's stance, or area of their intended swing. That relief is to the drop zone relevant to the hole being played *not to the nearest drop zone*.

There is no relief from the adjacent garden bed itself, nor the shrubs (unless staked), within that garden bed. If a staked shrub interferes with a player's stance, or area of intended swing, relief may be taken, but only in accordance with the procedure prescribed in rule 24-2b, that is, within one club length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.

Penalty for breach of rule. Match play – Loss of hole.
Stroke play two shots.

Weekly Results

Saturday 17 December – Stroke Medal

A – Rob Coxon	(13) 66nett C/B
B – Bryon Issa	(17) 68nett C/B
C – Brian Hope	(27) 66nett C/B

Sunday 18 December – Medley Par

A – Cos Martone	(19) +6
B – Greg Larsen	(23) +6

Tuesday 20 December – Ladies Stableford

A – Billie Mackenzie	(20) 43pts
B – Tatiana Stratford	(28) 43pts
C – Kim Maybery	(35) 42pts

Wednesday 21 December – Stableford

A – Rodney Andersen	(9) 43pts C/B
B – Bob Crowley	(17) 44pts
C – Michael McMahon	(25) 44pts

Thursday 22 December – Ladies Stableford

A – Noreen Connell	(26) 41pts
B – Irene Grigg	(32) 37pts C/B

Of Course you know...

John's errant drive from the 18th tee sees the ball lying on the fringe of the 12th green. In playing his second shot, John's stance is on the 12th green.

He plays a great shot just short of the 18th green, and gets up and down for par.

John's marker questions the action of taking his stance on the 12th green. What is the ruling?

- John is penalised one shot for not taking relief from the putting green.
- John is penalised two shots for not taking relief from the putting green.
- John's actions are correct and his score stands.

Answer over page

From the Ladies

Season's Greetings to all. We do hope you have happy and safe holidays and look forward to seeing you all on President's Day 2012.

From the General Manager – Ian Robertson

On behalf of Management and staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Club in 2012.

2012 Golf Syllabus

Members are advised that the 2012 Golf Syllabus is available for collection from the Golf Shop. The Syllabus can also be viewed on the Club website.

Dress Code

Members are advised that the dress code has been updated. Information on the new dress code can be found in the 2012 Syllabus, Golf Shop, Clubhouse noticeboards and on the Club website.

Clubhouse Redevelopment Webcam

You may have noticed that the Club has launched a Clubhouse Redevelopment Webcam, visible on the top right hand side of the member's homepage of the Club website. The webcam is in fact a still photograph which updates every two minutes so that even those members who rarely find the time to venture to the Club can share in the excitement during the construction of our new Clubhouse.

Christmas Trading Hours

Members are advised that the Golf Shop, Clubhouse, kitchen and office have altered operating times over the Christmas and New Year period. The following exceptions apply to our regular opening hours:

Golf Shop will be Closed

Christmas Day – Sunday 25 December

Clubhouse will be Closed

Christmas Day – Sunday 25 December

Club office will be Closed

Christmas Day – Sunday 25 December

Boxing Day – Monday 26 December

Christmas Day Public Holiday – Tuesday 27 December

New Years Day – Sunday 1 January 2012

New Years Public Holiday – Monday 2 January 2012

Kitchen Closure

Sunday 25 December 2011 to Tuesday 24 January 2012. Light snacks will be available from the Bar during this period.

From the Golf Operations Manager – Dan Cromie

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the Golf Shop staff I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Titleist trip of a lifetime draw

Titleist are giving you the opportunity to win a three night golfing getaway for you and three friends to Cape Kidnappers in New Zealand's Hawke's Bay. All you have to do to enter is purchase a dozen Titleist golf balls before Christmas day. The draw will take place in the members bar on Saturday 24 December at 6pm. Good luck to all who enter.

Golf Swing Tip

Remember to keep the knees bent just right. When taking a swing, you should not bend your knees as though you are going to sit on them or keep them straight and tight. Make sure you don't lock your knees or fall over. You simply want to allow your knees to bend ever so slightly. This will allow you to properly conduct your back swing and follow through.

From the Course Superintendent – Mat Poultney

Works on the new practice facilities continued this week with the new putting green completed and turfed. The surface will now require a grow in period before opening with the remainder of the work continuing next week and into the New Year.

Snake sightings

Members are reminded that there have been quite a few snake sightings since the warmer weather has arrived. Please be mindful when entering the rough areas and gardens that there may be snakes in the vicinity.

Answer from Of Course you know...

c) Rule 25-3a Penalty for breach of rule. Match play – Loss of hole. Stroke play – twp shots.